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pring is here and summertime is right around the corner. The gardens have been planted and the flowers are blooming. Momma birds are guarding their hatchlings. All a sign of new life. Building new lives is the purpose of DC4 and its staff, and in this issue of our newsletter you will read about some of the things that makes DC4 so unique and



successful in that endeavor. We will introduce you to some of the staff that have dedicated their lives to helping others with a major part of their effectiveness being their ability to share their own experience, strength and hope with the residents. You will see the different activities we are involved with that are helping build character, a solid work ethic and giving us the opportunity to give back to society from whom we have taken

so much. In this edition we want you to see how the Nashville Drug Court Foundation members give so untiringly to DC4 and its residents with functions like their annual "Killer Classic" Golf Tournament. And finally we want you to read about the Honorable





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DEAN WILSON

courage, compassion, understanding and discipline? Well, for us at DC-4 we don't have far to look. Wars have been fought on many fronts these days, and true heroes can come to us at the most inopportune times of our lives, often from the most unobtrusive of people. Consider prospect of speaking in front of others that he chose to join the elite Navy Sea Bee's in time of war rather than finish a speaking Judicial District. Dean studied class. Only to return years later

Where do you find qualities of service to others as a true example of how a higher power and recovery can truly change a life. Dean Wilson would be the first to tell you he is an expendable asset. But thank God for us here at DC-4 we don't have to face the rigors of this program without his loving guidance, fair discipline and vast experience. Dean came to DC-4 in a man who was so shaken at the 1997 and has held every position possible. Prior to this assignment he worked with The Department of Youth Development in the 25th under Dr. Michael Smith who was a

pioneer in detox acupuncture. This was the same training that Janet Reno attended prior to starting the first Drug Court in Miami Fla. This father of two and a grandpa has dreams of returning to Lascassass TN. (place of his birth), or settling around Smithville TN. Due to the

JACKIE POWER/COUNSELOR

DC-4 is continuously searching for counselors to provide quality care for their clients. Jackie Power is one of those individuals that has true compassion for people suffering from addictive behavior. Mrs. Power was carefully selected and asked to serve on the front line of this battle society faces. She has a nity. Mrs. Power also is a proud strategy to help addictive behavior with phsicalogical insight to the disease of addiction and codependency. Mrs. Power has a B.S. school this summer and plans to in psychology from Belmont Univer- attend college this fall. She has sity, and plans on getting a MSW in the near future. The positive side

pay attention and look for the posi- brings sunshine to the commutive things in your life and work with nity. Thank you again Mrs. Power that. She has a open door policy that makes her very approachable, DC-4. and we all love her for who she is, and what she brings to DC4. DC4 has put a lot of time in picking out the best counselors for our commuparent of two children, a boy and a girl who she loves very much. Her oldest daughter graduated high made a big impact to the community. Mrs. Power may be new but

for coming into our lives here at



WAKEFIELD/RETIRING COUNSELOR



EN WAKEFIELD

About 3 years ago I was the sole After Care counselor for DC4 lives". Ben was the applicant and was approached by administration about moving to Intensive in these areas. He started to Outpatient. I agreed to take the new position and we immediately set about to find a replacement A/C counselor. We interviewed many applicants, eliminated most, and called a few back for a second interview. Ben Wakefield was one of these recalled. We were looking for someone who

clients "enlarge their spiritual that had the most qualifications work almost immediately and my first impression was with his willingness to be helpful, wherever he could. Since that time, I believe Ben has done as much volunteer work here as work assigned to his job description. I cannot remember Ben ever telling me "no" when I ask him to

clients in mind. Most recently, he has been a devoted liaison between Roger and DC4. He will leave us in better shape than he found us (both clients and staff). What more could we ask? Thank you Ben Wakefield for sharing a part of your life with us and may God bless you in your next adventure.

CAMP DOGWOOD AND DC-4

Camp Dogwood is a beautiful campground consisting of more than 200 acres of land in Ashland City (Cheatham County). The camp is owned by the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church and is leased to Bethlehem Centers of Nashville to conduct mission work. It has a rich heritage of serving youth in low-income Nashville communities, but has not been in active use for the past twenty years. DC-4 has been helping to improve the camp. Our residents and staff have cut trails throughout the camp for wheelchair access. We will be setting up tents that are wheelchair accessible for the children. They have a pavilion that will allow DC-4 residents and staff to cook the children hot dogs and hamburgers. We are going to harvest a pumpkin patch



for kids so they will be able to come and pick out their own pump-kin. Our goal this year at camps is to show our love for children and their families, and hope they can learn from us and enjoy themselves there. We are slowly making a difference on the progress of the camp and it's heritage. Thank you camp Dogwood for letting us help you in your future growth.

Chris B.





CAMP MARYMOUNT AND DC-4

Camp Marymount first opened its doors in 1946. It was a small lodge consisting of an infirmary, nine cabins and an outdoor chapel. Today Marymount's 340 acres are a home away from home for more than 600 campers from 18 states.



person, mind, body and spirit.

Marymount has launched its first ever capital fund raising campaign with a goal of \$4,500,000.00 to insure its future and vital role in the community. Their plans include building a dining hall, kitchen and retreat center and various other needed additions and improvements.

The commitment the staff and residents of DC-4 have of giving back to the community can be seen in the variety of things being

trance of the camp. The women of DC-4 have refinished the benches for the chapel, washed and move all the dishes and cookware from the old dining hall to the new one. They stocked all the supplies and cleaned the dining hall, kitchen and retreat center. The residents also enjoyed the beauty and nature of the facility along with the wonderful hospitality of Mrs. Gail. Thank you for allowing us to be apart of the difference you make in





ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

On Saturday May 24th, DC-4 was invited to be a part of the Arts and Craft Fair. Held by and for the Flat Rock Community. We were able to show off what we've made at the facility. It was a honor and a privilege to be there. State Representative Sontany and council woman Page was there. They are very supportive of DC-4.

There was a stage and a group of different musical acts, it got started by the one and only Mrs. Brenda Lee. There where many people of different nationalities there, and they had booths to show off their arts and crafts. Some of the booths included: Tykwando, the Metro Poliæ, Knights of Columbus,

and the Lost Boys Foundation of Nashville. We sold over \$300 of our arts and crafts and loved the chance to be a part of the fair.









ST.LOUIS WELCOMES JUDGE SETH NORMAN & DC-4



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFES-SIONALS (NADCP) 14th ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE WAS HELD MAY 28-31, IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI,. THIS YEAR'S THEME WAS **TAKING DRUG COURTS TO SCALE: HEALTHY FAMILIES HEALING COMMUNITIES.** THERE WERE OVER 3,000 DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS AND GRADUATES IN ATTENDANCE,

WHICH MADE THIS THE
LARGEST CONFERENCE ON
SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THERE
ARE NOW OVER 2,000
DRUG COURTS IN THE
WORLD INCLUDING A DRUG
COURT IN IRELAND AND



JAMAICA. I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR VERY OWN JUDGE SETH NOR-MAN WAS PRESENTED WITH A MEDIA AWARD FOR AN ARTICLE ON DAVIDSON

COUNTY DRUG COURT THAT APPEARED IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE. IN ADDITION, TWO OF DRUG COURT PARTICIPANT'S, BARBARA ALEXANDER (GRADUATE) AND HER DAUGHTER SHANNON (CURRENT PARTICIPANT), WERE RECOGNIZED AT THE CONFERENCE FOR A STORY THEY SUBMITTED ON Healthy FAMILIES HEALING COMMUNI-

TTH ANNOAL "KILLER CLASSIC"

The 7th Annual "Killer Classic" was held on Friday, May 2, 2008 at Ted Rhodes Golf Course. This year's tournament was a great success. Through the assistance of a dedicated supporter of the program, Mr. Ed Hardin, the NDCSF secured a "Title Sponsorship" from CVS/Caremark for the third year in a row!!! We had over 22 teams registered, 9 team sponsors, and 14 tee sponsors. Although inclement weather forced the golfers to conclude play before all 18 holes were completed, all participants, supporting staff and volunteers, and Judge Seth Norman enjoyed Fate's ribs, barbeque, mojo chicken and all the fixin's while an awards ceremony was held. Mayor Karl Dean, his staff and Public Defender, Ross Alderman stopped by to enjoy lunch.. As the Director over the NDCSF, I'd like to also recognize the following for their assistance in making this year's tournament the biggest success to date: my staff (Penny and Jennifer) for pulling everything together, Fate and Mel for their time spent preparing our wonderful lunch and acquiring donations, the residents, staff and volunteers who came out and assisted, and to Sally Davis with Metro Parks and Recreation, and Fred Bryant and the staff of the Ted Rhodes Golf Course. It's an honor to support the mission and vision established by the Founder and Presiding Drug Court Judge Seth Norman. Many lives are forever changed positively because of the dedication our supporters continue to provide. I am hopeful that the "Classic" will continue to be a venue for program supporters of DC4 for many years to come.







SENATOR DOUGLAS HENRY

Douglas Henry is one of those rare individuals who cross our paths all to infrequently, yet our lives are powerfully impacted for having known him. He has many impressive qualifications and accomplishments. He is a member of the Tennessee state senate representing the 21st district which is composed of part of Davidson County. He was elected to the 87th general assembly, prior to which he was a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives during the 79th general assembly. Henry is involved with countless committees. Henry is active with the YMCA, American legion Post 5, Kiwanis Club, Tennessee historical society and Davidson County Drug Court. The one word which best describes Senator Henry is servant.



SEN. DOUGLASHENRY

Whether serving on Capital Hill, or as a member of the Presbyterian

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DC-4 SOFTBALL FIELD



MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS DEDICATED A LOT OF HOURS AND A LOT OF HARD WORK INTO THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR NEWLY BUILT SOFTBALL FIELD. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF INSTALLING A FLAG POLE SO THAT WE CAN RAISE OUR FLAG IN HONOR OF THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK BY THE RESIDENTS HERE AT DC4. WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND APPRECTIATION TO THOSE WHO DONATED THE BASEBALL EQUIPEMENT. THANK YOU TO ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO BUILT THE BALLFIELD





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